

Function 800: General Government

This function includes the activities of the White House and the Executive Office of the President, the legislative branch, and programs designed to carry out the legislative and administrative responsibilities of the federal government, including personnel management, fiscal operations, and property control.

Appropriated Programs

- ***House Republican Budget Identical to the President's Budget*** — For appropriated programs, the House Republican budget equals the President's budget.²⁶ The Republican budgets provides \$16.1 billion for 2003, \$107 million below CBO's estimate of the level needed to maintain constant purchasing power. The Republican budget only appears to be \$400 million above the President's budget because of an amendment adopted in Committee to switch funding from Function 750 (Administration of Justice) to Function 800 (General Government) for election reform. The House Republican budget also reflects an additional \$40 million for the Legislative Branch, which was requested by the Administration in its amended 2003 budget request. The Republican budgets cut funding by \$3.7 billion over the five-year period (2003-2007).
- ***Legislative Branch*** — The Republican budgets include \$3.4 billion, the same level needed to maintain constant purchasing power, for the legislative branch. The funding is for the operations of the House and Senate as well as support agencies such as the General Accounting Office, the Library of Congress, and the Congressional Budget Office.
- ***Executive Office of the President*** — The Republican budgets provide \$337 million for the Executive Office of the President (EXOP), which includes the White House and supporting agencies such as the Office of Management and Budget, National Security Council, and Council of Economic Advisors. The Republican budget also include \$523 million for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which provides Executive branch support for drug policy development and coordinates drug control programs within fifty federal agencies and departments.
- ***Internal Revenue Service (IRS)*** — The Republican budgets include \$10.4 billion for the Internal Revenue Service.

²⁶The President's budget also displays \$649 million in this function to account for the full cost of accruing all pensions, retired pay, and retiree health benefits for employees. This amount reflects only an accounting change and does not represent a programmatic increase. See *Appropriated Programs and Creative Accounting* for further discussion.

- ***General Services Administration (GSA)*** — The Republican budgets includes \$551 million for the GSA, primarily for the construction and renovation of federal buildings. This account also funds the Office of Government-Wide Policy, the Office of Citizen Services, and the Office of Inspector General. The GSA is the central provider of supplies, general administrative services, telecommunication services, and office space to federal agencies.
- ***District of Columbia*** — The Republican budgets includes \$191 million for the District of Columbia's criminal justice system, which was assumed as a federal responsibility under the D.C. Revitalization Act. The budget also includes \$464 million in mandatory funding for federal benefit payments for retired D.C. law enforcement officers, firefighters, and teachers.

Mandatory Programs

- ***House Republican Budget Rejects the President's Budget for Entitlement Programs*** —The Republican budget rejects the President's mandatory proposal for payments to Alaska for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.